

REMARKS

A proposed drawing correction, comprising a new sheet of drawings (Figs. 7-10) is enclosed with this amendment, pursuant to the requirement by the Examiner. The specification has been amended to conform with the new drawings. These drawings and the description thereof, are taken from Heishima U.S. Patent No. 6,113,622, which is referred to on the last two lines of page 5 of the specification. That part of the specification concerns using the coil with a detachment system such as disclosed in Heishima U.S. Patent No. 6,133,622. The pertinent drawings and description from the Heishima patent have now been incorporated into the present application, without the addition of any new matter. This clearly supports the claimed subject matter.

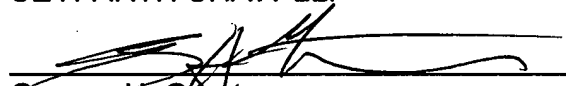
In the rejection of the claims, Wallace et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,280,457 has been used by the Examiner as the primarily reference. However, Wallace et al. do not teach applicants' invention because the surface of Wallace et al. is not textured but instead includes a polymer fiber 102 wrapped about coil wire 104. Further, as set forth in the attached Declarations under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.131, the invention of the present application was made prior to June 4, 1999, the date of filing of Wallace et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,280,457. A reading of these declarations will show why Wallace et al. should be withdrawn as a reference.

The Plowiecki and Jacobsen et al. references do not remedy the deficiency of Wallace because there is no teaching of embolic coils having a proximal portion and a distal portion, with the proximal portion that is held by the detachment portion of the introducer being relatively smooth while the distal portion is textured.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

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